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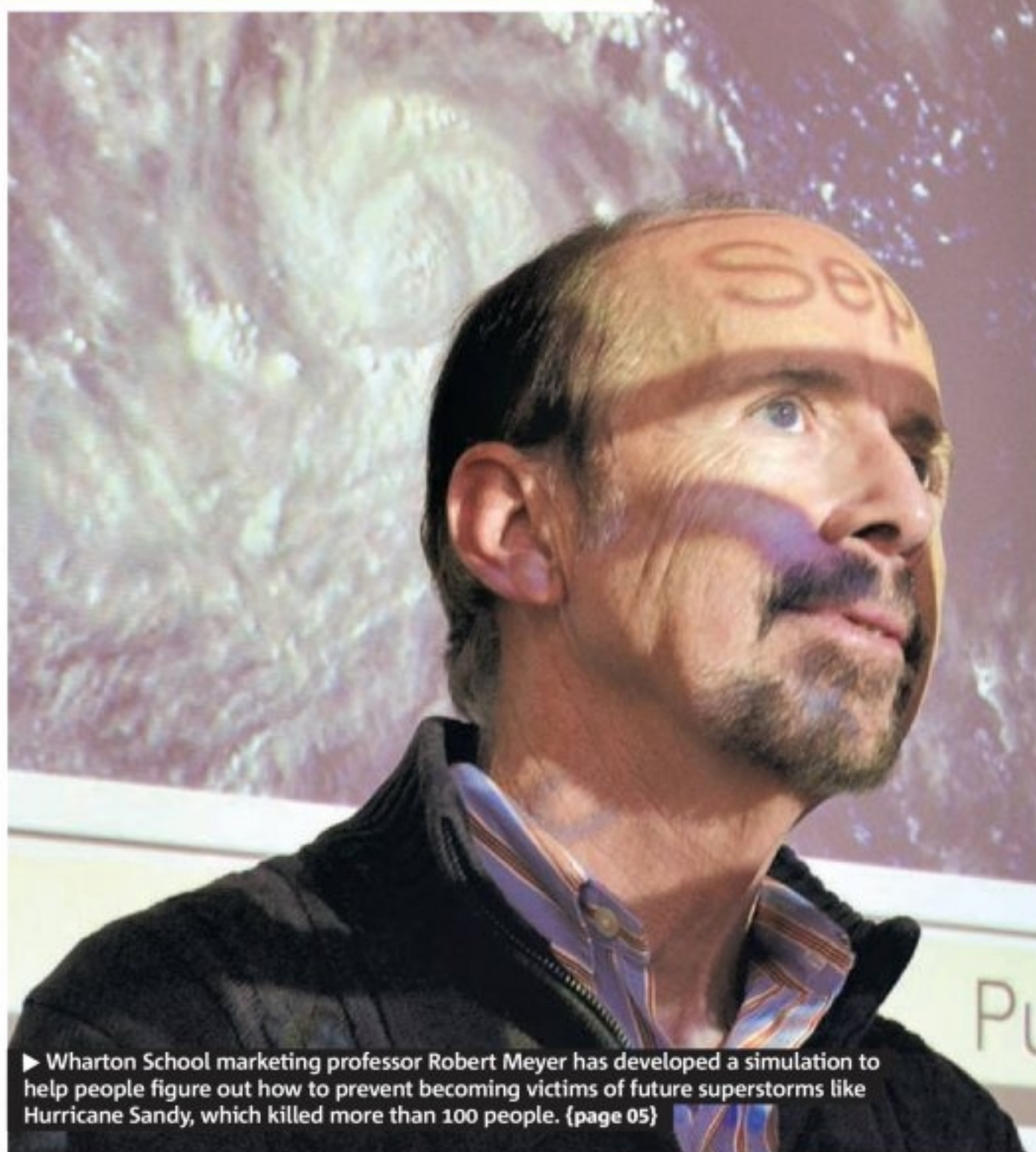
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Technology. Virtual storms



► Wharton School marketing professor Robert Meyer has developed a simulation to help people figure out how to prevent becoming victims of future superstorms like Hurricane Sandy, which killed more than 100 people. {page 05}

How to escape the next Sandy

'Life partner' tax credits in Philly would be historic

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In the news

Actual Value Initiative gets review

A new study revealed that a proposed property-tax overhaul being considered in City Council is rare among cities. The report from Pew Charitable Trusts' Philadelphia Research Initiative says that no other city has made such significant changes at one time without state mandates or court orders.

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In the news



Heater blamed in fatal fire

Fire officials said yesterday that a portable heater was to blame for a deadly fire on Joyce Street that killed two men living there. The fire occurred Monday morning in a two-story row home on the 3400 block of Joyce Street. Fire officials also said there were no smoke detectors.

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In the news



Used for wrong-doing

Taser used in store robbery

QUEEN VILLAGE. Police are looking for three men who tased a store owner during a robbery Tuesday night.

Investigators said the victim, 24, was closing up the Queen Village Mini Market around 9:30 p.m. when three men came inside. One of the men guarded the door while a second man went behind the counter and threatened the victim with a shotgun and a Taser. The owner was eventually tased, and \$3,500 was stolen.

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Suspect in Montco baby murder held

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. The Upper Merion man accused of killing a baby and her grandmother in a botched kidnapping was held for trial today. Raghunandan Yandamuri, 26, is charged with first-degree murder in the Oct. 22 deaths of 10-month-old Saarvi Venna and her grandmother, Satyavathi Venna, 61. Prosecutors claim Yandamuri, a neighbor and family friend, had gambling debt and planned to hold the girl for a \$50,000 ransom.

Prosecutors have not decided whether to pursue the death penalty.

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Philly clerk allegedly inked huge fraud deal

PHILADELPHIA. A former Philadelphia Water Department employee has been charged with defrauding the city of \$1.3 million in an office supply scam.

Federal prosecutors allege Calvin Duncan, 61, a mail clerk responsible for ordering office supplies, purchased printer ink and toner cartridges and then resold them. Over six years, the city paid approximately \$1.3 million on purchase orders and shipments. Duncan allegedly made \$545,000.

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Kenney proposes broad expansion of civil rights

► Wants to create most LGBT-friendly city east of San Francisco ► LGBT leader hopeful about political climate

RICHARD LARMA/METRO



Kenney wants Philadelphia to take the lead in civil rights.

Councilman Jim Kenney yesterday announced groundbreaking legislation that he says will make Philadelphia the best city for LGBT-friendly jobs in America. His proposed "equality tax credit" — the first of its kind in the country — would give businesses incentives to offer the same benefit plans to employees in domestic partnerships as they do to those in heterosexual marriages.

"Until now, because of restrictive state laws and court rulings, life partnerships only provided substantive benefits for same-sex couples employed by the city of Philadelphia," Kenney said in a statement.

Equality Forum Director Malcolm Lazin likened the state's climate, from an LGBT civil-rights perspective, to that of Mississippi or Alabama.

"But as a result of this landmark legislation, the LGBT community and committed unmarried couples — straight and gay alike — will now benefit immensely," Kenney said.

The reforms would also extend real estate transfer tax exemptions to domestic partners, strengthen the existing benefits extended to municipal employees' life partners and further ensure hospitals citywide do not deny partners' decision-making rights in dire or end-of-life circumstances.

"We're certainly breaking a lot of ground and proposing legislation in a way that hasn't really been done in other major cities, but we're not asking for special treatment — we're asking for equal treatment," Kenney's legislative aide Chris Goy said. "The only thing we've done in this legislation

is recognize the inequality that already existed for tax-paying, hardworking Philadelphians."

Though a somewhat similar set of reforms was passed by City Council in 1998 and later largely struck down by the state Supreme Court, the bill's supporters don't foresee

a similar fate.

"In terms of society — and, to some degree, the courts are a reflection of society — things have taken a quantum leap from 1998 to the present," Lazin said.

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Turning around Philly's low rank

Philly's metro area ranks 90th out of country's 100 largest regions when it comes to job growth, despite being its sixth largest city.

Aside from creating a more inclusive environment, the leg-

"Our goal is to make Philadelphia the most gay-friendly city in America, both on the streets ... and ... in the workplace."

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islation has economic benefits.

The majority of LGBT Americans are college graduates and homeowners and the community has more disposable income than any subgroup, Kenney said, creating a strong base of consumers and employees.

"Young entrepreneurs and start-up business owners specifically target communities that

are diverse and that are inclusive and opening to all folks because they know those are best incubators and where the most ideas are concentrated," Goy said.

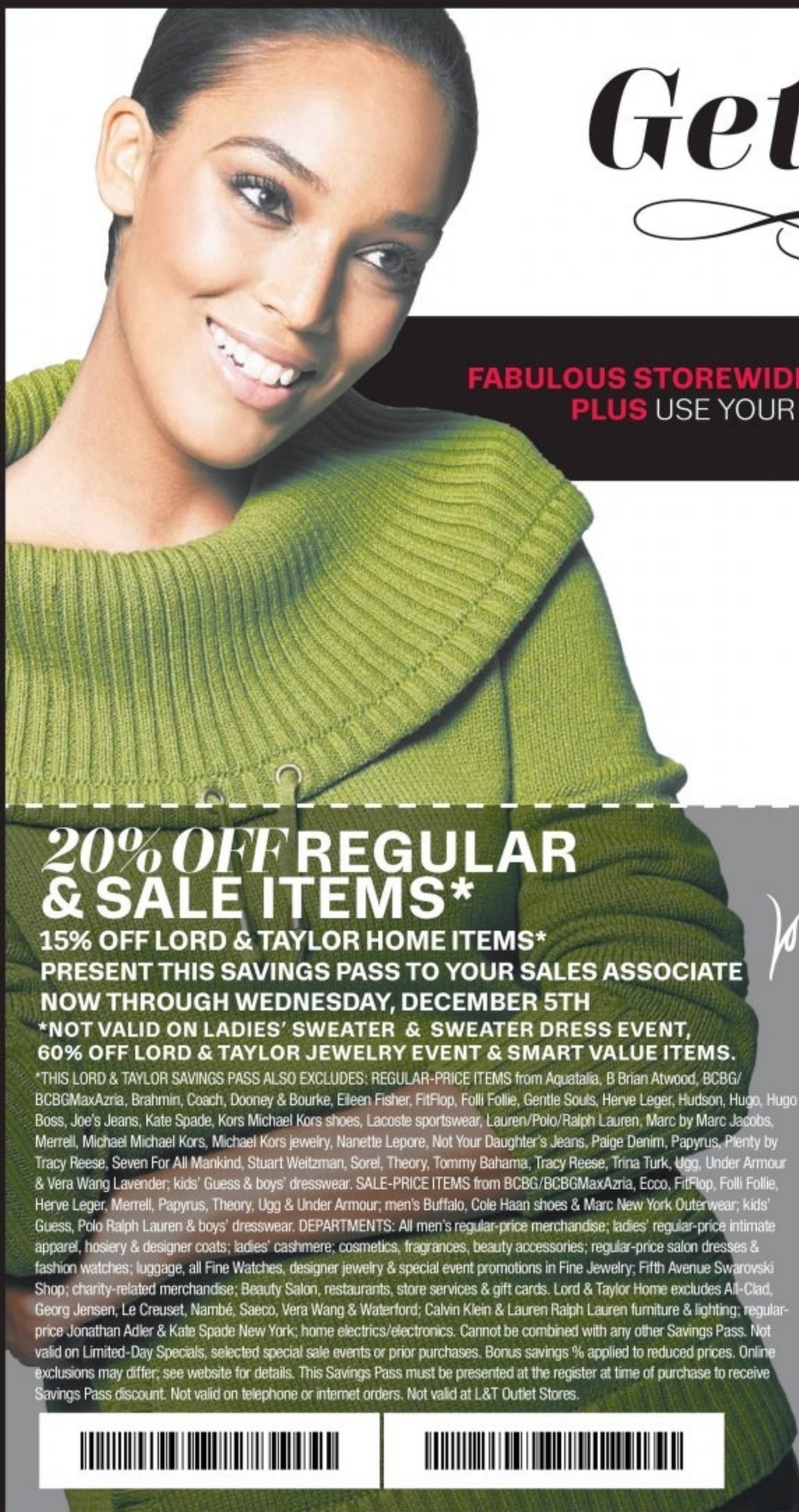
"Our goal is to make Philadelphia the most gay-friendly city in America, both on the streets, in hospitals, in government and, specifically in this case, in the workplace."

Beyond taxes



Aside from the tax credit, the bill would have other wide-ranging effects to those who aren't married but live long-term with partners. Those effects would:

- Standardize protections for life-partnered municipal employees, which are already uniformly practiced citywide but are not written into the codes of all city departments.
- Educate new life partners about living wills and powers of attorney, plus help guide them through the legal process to become the designated decision-maker for their partner in emergencies.
- Extend the real estate transfer exemption from property transfers between spouses to property transfers between all domestic partners.
- Further guarantee that hospitals citywide will allow domestic partners the same visitation and medical decision-making rights as those granted to spouses.
- Amend all city forms to include a "self-identify" gender option and the option to indicate "Parent 1" and "Parent 2" on those that require parental information.



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Army looks to break streak against Navy

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► Navy wants to extend its decade-long dominance over Army.

When Army and Navy run out of the tunnel next Saturday, it will be for more than just bragging rights.

The Commander-in-Chief's Trophy will be on the line. That's a switch from last year when Air Force claimed the coveted award. And, according to Navy athletic director Chet Gladchuk, the service academy protecting the skies didn't take the best care of the trophy.

"It looks a little dirty. They could have polished it up for us," Gladchuk joked at yesterday's media luncheon.

Jokes aside, the city of Philadelphia is proud to be hosting the Army-Navy Game again after a one-year absence (it was held at Maryland's FedEx Field last year). The inter-service rivalry is scheduled for Dec. 8 at Lincoln Financial Field. This marks the 113th edition and the 84th time Army and Navy will clash on Philadelphia soil.

"This is truly a Philadelphia tradition," Mayor Michael Nutter said. "We're proud and honored to have it back."

Navy leads the overall series, 56-49-7, including wins in the last 10 meetings. In fact, the last time Army raised its arms high in victory was at Veterans Stadium in 2001. Army, with a 2-9 record, will enter as huge underdogs again. Don't

More than football

The men suiting up for Army and Navy are more than football players. When they graduate, they'll be shipped off to fight in wars for the United States. The Midshipmen learned of their service assignments yesterday, while the Cadets were set for Branch Night today.

Quoted

"I don't call these men student athletes. I call them great Americans."

NAVY COACH KEN NIUMATALOLO

underestimate the Cadets' motivation.

"To bring the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy back to West Point would be almost unimaginable because it hasn't been done in so long," said Army

senior quarterback Trent Steelman. "It's always mentioned in our preseason goals, and it's always No. 1."

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Celebration. Flag Day



► A large crowd of Albanian Americans gathered at City Hall in Philadelphia yesterday to celebrate the centennial of their country's independence.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Philadelphia's large Albanian American community celebrated the 100th anniversary of their native land, which was created on Nov. 28, 1912, after proclaiming freedom from the Ottoman Empire. The flag, which is a black, double-headed eagle over a red background, is one of the world's oldest: dating to the 15th century and wars with the Turks. ● METRO

In the news

Bankruptcy may be in Harrisburg's future after all

PENNSYLVANIA. Harrisburg, neck-deep in more than \$340 million debt, is on the verge of getting a powerful negotiating tool with creditors: the threat of bankruptcy.

A state ban that prevented Harrisburg from filing for municipal bankruptcy protection is set to expire after Nov. 30. A year has passed since Harrisburg first tried filing for bankruptcy in October 2011. The city is now deeper in debt, and there is no guarantee that it will not seek court protection once again.

When Harrisburg first attempted bankruptcy protection, the city became a poster child for U.S. cities trying to recover from recession-hit property tax revenues. **REUTERS**

Penn professor simulates next Sandy scenario

► After months of work, professor created interactive program to better prepare future possible storm victims

The next time a hurricane barrels towards the mid-Atlantic, will you take a proactive approach or a wait-and-see attitude?

A University of Pennsylvania professor has helped develop a program called "Stormview simulation" that could help people better prepare in the event of another storm like Sandy.

The simulation, which takes about 30 minutes, asks users to assume they live in Florida and takes them through the days leading up to a fictional Hurricane Gabrielle. Users can

Observations

Based on the simulation, researchers had some notable observations:

- Those with higher income and more education typically used online reports more than those with lower income and less education.
- Older people typically rely on television. Younger people tend to use a variety of media.
- Women typically gathered more information than men.

choose how they would get information about the storm — television, radio, online reports or neighbors — and whether they would prepare.

"The idea was to say if we can't study storms in the real world ... why not go ahead and study them in a lab situation," said Wharton School of Business marketing professor Robert Meyer, who worked with professors from the University of Miami and Columbia University to develop the tool.

Meyer said researchers surveyed area residents before superstorm Sandy last month,

but with the simulation researchers can get a better understanding of how people would actually behave based on certain information.

Researchers have learned a few lessons already from 400 people who've gone through the simulation, according to Meyer. One of the lessons is that people primarily rely on television news reports.

Meyer said the creators are in the process of trying to use the technology to study preparedness for other sorts of hazards, such as wildfires and earthquakes.



► Meyer said "hurricanes are things which people just don't think about a lot."

Sandy on their minds

If the East Coast were to see another storm like Sandy, Meyer said the reaction from residents would likely depend on how they were affected by the October storm.

"It kind of will depend on what happened to you in Sandy," he said. "What we do know is that people who had been through Irene and nothing happened to them — they went through the storm, their

power went off for a couple hours and that's it — when the next storm comes you tend to think hurricanes are no big deal."

If another storm didn't arrive until next fall, the reactions would likely be even less.

"People have pretty short memories," he said. "There would still be a signal, but it would tend to be a pretty weak signal."



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The hotel shaped like an intestine

GEERT VERBEKE



► An overnight stay at Hotel CasAnus includes breakfast and an entry pass to the sculpture park.

Unusual architecture

- If you have the stomach for it, you ought to stay at this intestine-shaped lodging. This one-room gut hotel is located in the sculpture park Verbeke Foundation near Antwerp, Belgium.
- The inn features a double bed, shower, toilet and heater. Metro spoke to the owner to learn more about the hotel.

A visceral work of art

- The room is in fact an art-work named CasAnus, made by the Atelier Van Lieshout, a collective run by Dutch artist Joep van Lieshout. It is one piece of the collective's "Organ" series, which explores enlarged parts of the human digestive system. "It is a multifunctional work of art, where the idea of art and applied art are combined," a spokesperson for the collective told Metro.

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Euros (\$155 U.S. dollars) is the rate per night for two people to stay at the CasAnus hotel. The price includes breakfast and an entry pass into the sculpture park. "In the summertime, we have three or four bookings a week for the CasAnus, so it's a very popular place to stay," Verbeke told Metro.



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► Differing opinions are best hashed out over sandwiches.

Obama to host Romney at lunch

President Barack Obama will host Mitt Romney for a private lunch at the White House today, their first meeting since Obama defeated him in this month's presidential election. The encounter follows Obama's promise, in the aftermath of the bitterly fought Nov. 6 election, to consult the former Republican governor of Massachusetts by the end of the year. It also comes amid Obama's efforts to work out

with congressional leaders a way to avoid a looming "fiscal cliff" that could push the U.S. economy back into recession.

"Governor Romney will have a private lunch at the White House with President Obama in the private dining room," the White House said. "It will be the first opportunity they have had to visit since the election." Obama's talks with Romney will be sandwiched between a series of events this week in which he is making his case to raise taxes on the wealthy. **REUTERS**

Swallow the money

Branded drug prices outstrip inflation

U.S. price increases on popular branded drugs in the past year have been more than six times the overall rate of inflation for consumer goods, while spending on specialty medications is up nearly 23 percent, according to data compiled by Express Scripts for its first quarterly drug trend report. The pharmacy benefit manager found that prices on a collection of the most widely used brand name prescription medicines rose 13.3 percent from Sept 2011 to Sept 2012. That outpaced the overall economic inflation rate of 2 percent. **REUTERS**



Texas seize 'em



Officials seek to take over Jeffs ranch

Texas officials yesterday filed legal documents to seize a 1,600-acre West Texas ranch where officials say jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs sexually assaulted children.

The state attorney general's office filed a search and seizure warrant and an affidavit in state District Court in Schleicher County over the YFZ (Yearning for Zion) Ranch in Eldorado, Texas. The attorney general's office says Jeffs had sought a remote location for a the compound. **REUTERS**

Thanks for playing (not)

US bans BP from federal contracts

The U.S. government banned BP Plc. from new federal contracts yesterday over its "lack of business integrity" in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010, which could imperil the British energy giant's U.S. footing. The suspension, announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, comes on the heels of BP's Nov. 15 agreement with the U.S. government to plead guilty to criminal misconduct in the Gulf of Mexico disaster, the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. BP agreed to pay \$4.5 billion in penalties. **REUTERS**

\$20B Amount of settlement BP could pay if found grossly negligent in Deepwater Horizon spill.

Pot in the Prairie State



Illinois considers medical marijuana

The Illinois General Assembly will consider whether to legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and join a growing group of states that officially approve pot as a medicine.

The proposal for a three-year pilot program would make Illinois the second most populous state in the nation to allow medical marijuana after California. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have legalized medical marijuana.

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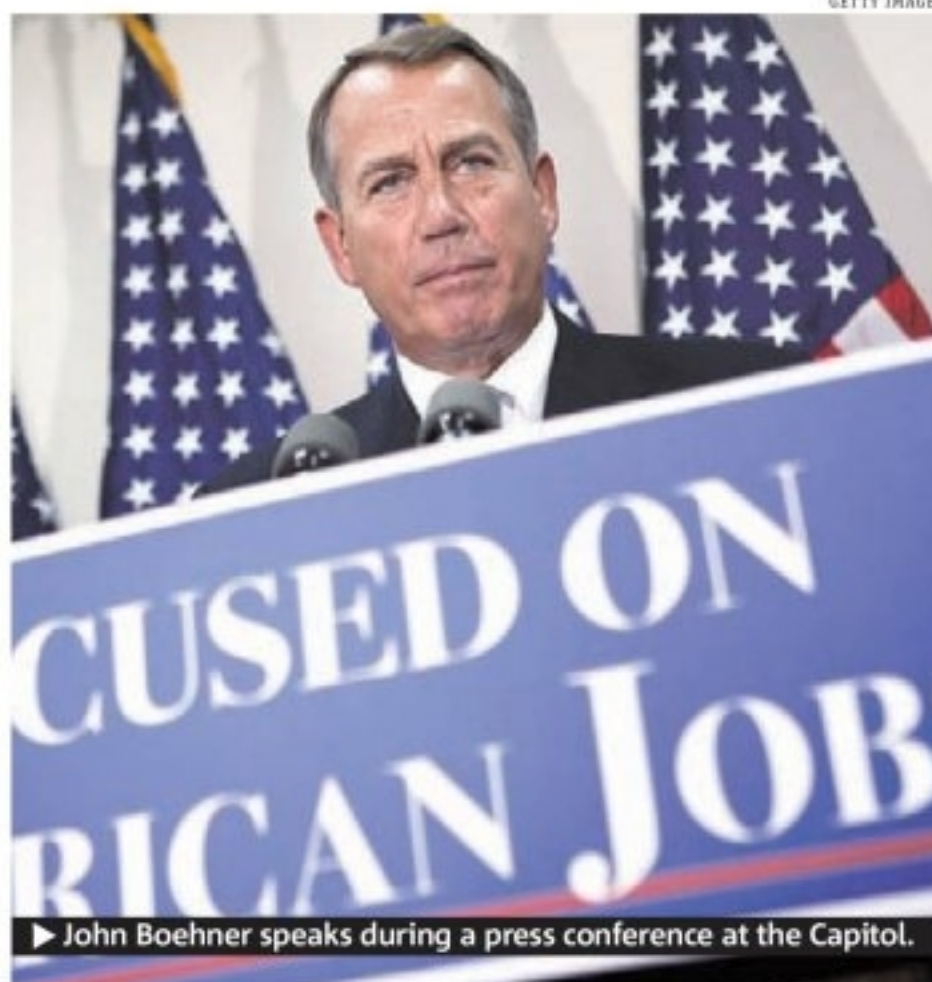
Boehner confident about fiscal deal

U.S. stocks sharply pared losses yesterday after U.S. House Speaker John Boehner said he was optimistic that a deal on the "fiscal cliff" to avert large tax hikes and spending cuts could be reached.

After falling nearly 1 percent, the S&P 500 pared losses to trade near flat after Boehner said that Republicans were willing to put revenues on the table if Democrats agreed to spending cuts.

For weeks now, the market has been swinging back and forth on headlines out of Washington regarding the ongoing U.S. budget talks.

"While there's little that the president and vice president could do, we still believe a legislative compromise will be reached before 'fiscal cliff' detonates," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. **REUTERS**



► John Boehner speaks during a press conference at the Capitol.

Shares rise on hopes of a compromise

Stocks turned higher yesterday on investors' hopes that a compromise could be reached to avoid the "fiscal cliff" following comments from U.S. House Speaker John Boehner and President Barack Obama.

Shares of Costco Wholesale Corp jumped 5.5 percent to \$101.81 after the retailer became the latest company to announce a special dividend in case taxes jump next year.

The market sharply pared losses in late-morning trading



► New York Stock Exchange

after Boehner's optimistic comments about a deal on the "fiscal cliff" to avert large tax hikes and spending cuts currently under discussion.

Obama shares confidence over deal

President Obama urged supporters to press Congress for a deal, saying he hoped to strike one before Christmas.

"Our ultimate goal is an agreement that gets our long-term deficit under control in a way that is fair and balanced," Obama said. "I believe that both parties can agree on a framework that does that in the coming weeks. In fact, my hope is to get this done before Christmas."

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Iran to press on with enrichment, nuke chief

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rise substantially in the current year, the country's nuclear energy chief was quoted as saying yesterday.

The comments by Fereydoun Abbasi-Davani, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, signalled continued defiance in the face of international demands that Tehran halt enrichment to the higher 20-percent fissile purity

level, close down its Fordow enrichment plant and ship out its stockpile of the material.

But he also said Iran would continue and possibly raise its output of reactor fuel using 20 percent enriched uranium — which suggests that less of it might be available for use in what the West suspects is an attempt to develop atom bombs. **REUTERS**

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Jessica Simpson raises Nick Lachey's baby count by one

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► What about Weight Watchers?! Simpson (seen here with her fiancé Eric Johnson) is reportedly three months pregnant.

Whoa. Here's news I didn't see coming: **Jessica Simpson** is pregnant, again.

Seven months after giving birth to daughter **Maxwell**, Jessica Simpson is reportedly already expecting another child, according to *Us Weekly*. "It definitely wasn't planned," a source says. "But yes, Jessica is pregnant again." This would be the second baby for Simpson and fiancé **Eric Johnson**. A rep for Simpson has yet to comment.

Oh man, you guys. This brings up so many questions, mainly: What was she thinking? But also: Is she taking cues from notorious quick-turn-around-breeder **Tori Spelling**? (Ed. note: Never, ever take life tips from Tori Spelling.) What will happen to her multimillion-dollar campaign with **Weight Watchers**? Because you know girlfriend isn't going to slim down anytime soon. And does this mean we're all going to be subjected to photos of her

being gigantic yet again? As someone who has a 7-month-old at home, I'm down with pregnant ladies and have nothing but respect for them, but my *Us Weekly* just finally

stopped running photos of her waddling around L.A. Hey, paparazzi — I think we (and probably Jessica Simpson) could use a little break. Let's let her gestate in peace this go-round, OK?

Dolly Parton: Still not gay

Continuing on *Things That Are Surprising Dorothy Today*, did you all know that there are lesbian rumors surrounding **Dolly Parton**? It's true! Color me **John Travolta**! Despite being married to **Carl Dean** for 46 years, the country singer continually has to swat down rumors that romantically link her to her best friend **Judy Ogily**. "Judy and I have been best friends since we were like in the third and fourth grade," Parton says in an interview with ABC's *Nightline*. We still just have a great friendship and relationship and I love her as much as I love anybody in the whole world, but we're not romantically involved." On the plus side, the persistent rumors did give Parton something she could bond over with **Oprah Winfrey**: "Like **Gayle [King]**, her friend [and] Judy, my friend, they just think that you just can't be that close to somebody," Parton says.



Dolly
"not gay"
Parton



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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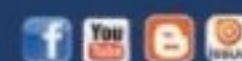
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November: The month of showing off your bra

1: Rihanna took it off — of course she did — while performing for the London leg of her 777-Tour on Nov. 19.

2: Look closely: Spanish model **Bimba Bose** (what a name) wore a tricky shirt at the Rolling Stone Awards 2012 on

Nov. 21 in Madrid.

3: Actress **Alice Evans** wore a see-through lace shirt to the 2012 BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards on Nov. 7 in Beverly Hills.

4: **Gwen Stefani** of No Doubt took the plunge at the 40th anniversary American Music Awards on Nov. 18 in Los Angeles, Calif.

5: **Dita Von Teese** gave just a peek of her new lingerie line while at a press conference to launch her Von Follies collection on Wednesday in London.

6: **Laura Ramsey** gave her lace bra a starring role at the Baby2Baby Gala on Nov. 3 in Culver City, Calif.

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Top 5 films



► Ben Mendelsohn, left, and Scoot McNairy are two guns for hire in "Killing Them Softly."

Must-see

1 'Killing Them Softly' This grimy underworld drama follows some fools who rip off a mobster's card game and must answer to an uncompromising enforcer (Brad Pitt).

2 'The Collection' The masterminds of the "Saw" franchise reappear with a new Svengali of torture games: a hooded man who kidnaps a girl and takes her to his elaborate maze of killing machines.

3 'Life of Pi' Ang Lee's latest effort, about a young man adrift at sea with only a tiger for company, offers dazzling 3-D visuals and plenty of Oscar buzz.

4 'Rise of the Guardians' Alec Baldwin and Chris Pine loan their voices to this animated feature that imagines mythical figures banding together to protect children from a villain.

5 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2' Vampire husband and wife Edward and Bella are on a mission to save their mutant spawn from the evil Volturi. **METRO**

TV watch list

'30 Rock'

COMEDY. You know "30 Rock" is drawing closer to its end when Liz Lemon — Liz Lemon! — gets married. The harried heroine and her love, Criss Chross, tie the knot tonight, but not without an appearance by Liz's ex: Dennis Duffy, the Beeper King (guest star Dean Cain). 8 p.m., NBC

'Elementary'

DRAMA. More dangerous than the years-old bomb that suddenly detonates in an office is Sherlock's awkward chemistry with a CEO played by guest star Lisa Edelstein. 10:01 p.m., CBS

'Glee'

COMEDY. Rachel and Kurt are thankful for the opportunity to avoid all the drama (sectionals!) back home and spend Turkey Day in NYC. 9 p.m., Fox
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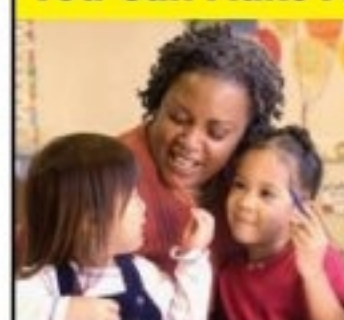
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Anyone who is beginning to date can get caught up in working hard to be his or her best self — whatever that might mean. You want to be seen in the greatest possible light, which might lead you to always make sure your hair, makeup and clothes are perfect. It might also force you to be superaware of what you are saying and doing at all times, wanting to make a good impression. Not only does that require a whole lot of energy, it might ultimately lead to your holding back from expressing your own needs in an effort to make the other person happy.

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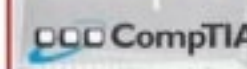
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— Relationship expert Dr. Jane Greer is creator of "Shrink Wrap" — national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships — and host of "Let's Talk Sex" at Healthylife.net. Her book, "What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship," is available nationwide.

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BY STEVE MUELLER

Men's Health Consultant

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If you think your child may qualify for these services, contact your county's Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation. It will arrange for a free evaluation that will look at your child's delays in five areas:

- ▶ Physical development, including hearing and vision
- ▶ communication
- ▶ Social/emotional development
- ▶ Thinking (cognition)
- ▶ Self-help skills

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Autism diagnoses on rise and so is teacher training

The number of children diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum disorder has risen dramatically in recent years. Today, they number as many as 1 in 88 children, according to the Centers for Disease Control. There are not only more of these children, they are also more visible in the community, in schools and churches, says Adriana Gonzalez-Lopez, director of Arcadia University's autism endorsement program.

"People now understand that the condition is biological or neurological, not something caused by the parents," she says. "And it's more accepted that these children need education, therapy and other services."

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Number of the 26 graduates in 2010 who continued their education, though that number varies from year to year

Admission is based on the individual education plan prepared by a student's local school district, says school director Gerald Kitzhoffer.

"There are two questions we ask," he says. "Can we meet that child's needs with the program we have here? And do we have room for him or her?"



► Overbrook provides many extracurricular activities.

Enrollment is limited by the school's budget. The state contribution, which covers about 70 percent of costs, has been flat under Corbett's education budgets. The other 30 percent comes from fundraising, special events, direct mail and grants — "Whatever it takes," Kitzhoffer says.

Many students have additional disabilities — about half of them to a significant degree — so the school also provides access to other therapies. These include audiology, physical therapy and nutritional counseling.



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Your gifting game plan

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Lupo's tips

Formula for giving a good gift:

"You have to first make a list. And when you make your list don't just write names down. Write down something about them like their style type. Is she classic, is she chic, whimsical. Put something down about the personality. She likes to take wild trips, maybe she loves cocktails. Then you have all these little helpful adjectives when you

go shopping so you're not just seeing 'mom' or 'cousin Sue.'"
Presentation is everything:
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Lupo's gift ideas

For men: "An amazing gift for men is bedding. They don't buy good sheets. At discount stores like T.J. Maxx and Marshalls you can buy home goods for up to 60 percent off, which is great. Another great option is a watch."

For women: "I love something in a pop of color, which is big this season. Try gloves in oxblood, also scarves and wraps are great because they're sizeless — think the icing on

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Donkeys don't really have much to bray about

RE: "WHY BOTHER HAVING ANOTHER OPINION? ASSIMILATE!" (METRO, NOV. 27) Kudos to Metro for the clever "Assimilate" headline for Larry Blong's letter to the editor, summarizing a Democrat's suggestion that Republicans become less Republican.

The problem is, it was the letter writer's brand that polled almost 4 million fewer votes for president compared to four years earlier, and 33 fewer electoral votes, while the Republican brand picked up thousands of votes. Perhaps it's Democrats that ought to embrace the Republican principles of fiscal sanity and pay-as-you-go, instead of endless increases in taxes and debt.

DARRELL HARTWICK, VIA E-MAIL

In long list of social evils, pot doesn't make the cut

RE: "REPORT: MARIJUANA ARRESTEES DO NOT BECOME VIOLENT CRIMINALS" (METRO, NOV. 28) At the end of the day, creative entrepreneurs will always provide the citizens' desire, regardless of government approval. Consumers have made marijuana a multibillion dollar enterprise. Legalize it and add a sales tax. Revenues will cover the costs of any abuse. Citizens have more to fear from murder, arson, rape, muggings, robberies, auto and identity theft or home break-ins along with ever-increasing levels of confiscato-

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LARRY PENNER, VIA E-MAIL

An odd bandwagon to jump on

RE: "RICE MEETING WITH SENATORS FAILS TO QUELL DOUBTS" (METRO, NOV. 28) I understand the political motivations of Senators Graham, McCain and Ayotte. Susan Rice has bristled many in her long and distinguished

20 year political career. What I don't understand is all the lemmings across the country who are chiming in that couldn't have named who the UN ambassador was before Sept. 11, 2012, without using Google.

LARRY FOWLER, VIA E-MAIL

Reid shouldn't start sleeping in yet

Fans may want Jeff Lurie to fire Andy Reid this season, but let me give you a little piece of reality: Reid will be here the rest of this year and through the 2013 season. Why? Because Lurie is a loyal person and Reid has helped him become a billionaire. He does not have the coach to replace him as of yet, and Andy doesn't play on the field. Making a move for the sake of fandom is not how Lurie operates. So Eagles fans, look for Howie and Marty and a few more coaches to be gone before Andy, and don't be surprised when "BIG RED" is walking the sideline next season. DARREN CEPHAS, VIA E-MAIL

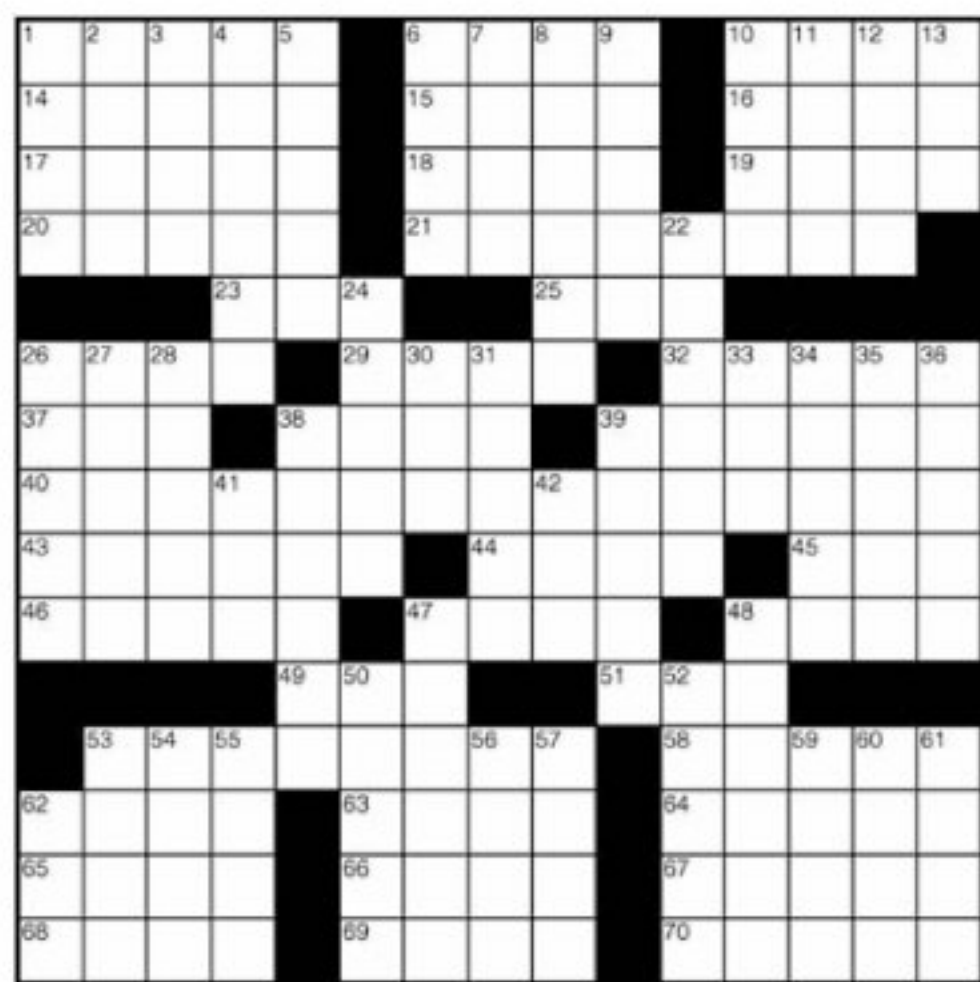
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► Addazio closes door on first Big East season ► Team finished at 4-7 ► Let the quarterback battle rage on

Feel the burn.

That's the message Steve Addazio wants to get across to Temple this offseason. The Owls' 38-20 loss to Syracuse last weekend ended their season a bit too prematurely for the coach's liking.

Even as young and inexperienced as Temple was, finishing their first season in the Big East with a 4-7 record simply wasn't good enough.

"Everybody's on notice," said Addazio. "I challenged the team [Monday] that this is not what this program is about. We should be practicing in December. So this offseason won't be a box of chocolates. It's 2013 in my mind right now."

In the nine months between now and the Aug. 31 opener at Notre Dame ("You had to remind me we open at Notre Dame, who might be national champs," groaned Addazio), the coach wants his players to truly commit themselves to the program. He believes that's one thing that's



► Will Chris Coyer be the starter next season? He'll be competing with Juice Granger and Kevin Newsome.

been missing.

"I want this team to have tremendous pain and sacrifice in the offseason," said Addazio. "I want their investment to be deep in the program with work, effort and sacrifice. That's called chemistry. You have to build a bond."

The Owls also need to find a quarterback. Whether it's Chris Coyer, "Juice" Granger

or Penn State transfer Kevin Newsome, Temple needs someone to step up next year.

"The quarterback position has to be huge," said Addazio. "The quarterback has to be a great leader who has the knack of making plays at the most important times. We fell short of that this season."

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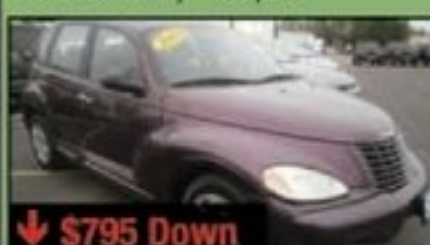
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► Graham will benefit from Babin's abrupt departure.

Graham running with first team after Babin gets walking papers

Andy Reid might not be here next season, but he's still evaluating the future of the franchise he's run for 14 years.

By cutting Jason Babin Tuesday, the Eagles coach ensured his young players would get more reps. It also sent a clear message that everyone is on alert.

Trent Cole, one of Babin's closest friends on the team, admitted that he was surprised by the move. In fact, Babin was sitting in Cole's garage when the call came in. At first, he thought it was a joke. It wasn't.

"I was surprised," Cole said, "but I've been in the league

for eight years now and seen people come and go, and it's just business. There's nothing you can really say. That's between him and the franchise, and that's it. We're going to miss him."

Of course, one man's misfortune is another man's opportunity. With Babin out of

the picture, Brandon Graham worked with the first-team unit. He's expected to start Sunday in Dallas.

"I'm excited. I can't wait to go out there and make plays," Graham said. "That's all I'm here for is to make plays and to go out there and do what I do."

Babin's absence also leaves the door wide open for second-round pick Vinny Curry to see increased snaps.

"It gives you that urge to go even harder in practice," Curry said.

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As always, New England is peaking at just the right time of the season after a trashing of the Jets. The Patriots are 19-0 in the second half dating back to 2010.

**PACKERS (7-4)**

The Pack looked vulnerable without Clay Matthews anchoring the defense — and the offensive line did Aaron Rodgers no favors.

**COLTS (7-4)**

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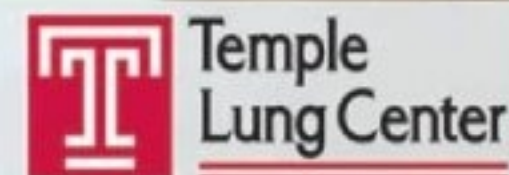
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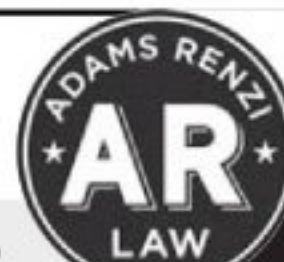
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